

Dunham's Scrap Book

Feb. 23, 1938 - Jan. 2, 1941

SDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1940

RITES HELD MON. FOR
JOHN A. BONNER

John Revercomb Bonner, 51, died at his home near Warm Springs, Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, as the result of a sudden heart attack. He had suffered from the condition for a number of years. About three weeks ago he was stricken, but had improved sufficiently to be up and around, when the fatal attack came on.

He was born in Highland county, but had been a resident of Bath the most of his life. He lived at what is known as the old James Bonner homestead, the home of grandfather, north of Warm Springs. He was a son of John Bonner and Mary Elizabeth Revercomb Bonner of Highland county.

He is survived by his widow and the following children: Lucille and Wilbur, and Mrs. Joe Ginger, at home; and Mrs. Wilbur Chestnut, of Belle, W. Va. He is also survived by the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. C. F. Bell, Mrs. Clyde LaRue, James and Charles Bonner, all of Hot Springs, Mrs. Mary Gum of Clifton Forge, and several nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at two o'clock from the Warm Sp'gs Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. T. McCutchan, assisted by the Rev. Geo. W. Oldham and the Rev. P. E. Ginger. Interment was in the Warm Springs cemetery.

Active pall bearers were Roy M. Cleek, O. A. Cleek, John Chapman, John E. Critt, H. F. Hicks and N. A. McAllister.

COVINGTON, VA., FEB. 23, 1938.

STORY OF GOV. FLOYD'S GRAVE

Few know that there rested, in an unmarked grave at Old Sweet Springs, until a few years ago, the remains of John Floyd, governor of Virginia from 1829 and 1834, and during his service in Congress such an ardent champion of the acquisition and protection of the Great Northwest that he became known as the "Father of the Oregon Country." During the period between 1817 and 1819 he foresaw the troubles which would arise from federal encroachments on state's rights, and ably advanced measures, which had they been heeded, might have averted the constant strife which culminated in the devastating and bloody Civil War 40 years later. He died at the Old Sweet August 16, 1837. For 90 years his grave was unmarked. In 1927, Miss Lettie Holmes, of Covington, a granddaughter of Governor John Floyd, and a daughter of the famous and widely beloved "Daddy" Holmes, professor at the University of Virginia, through her untiring efforts had laid a modest, but durable stone slab above the grave of this Virginian who, throughout his entire life, gave so generously of his brilliant talents to public service, that as a result of his great sacrifices he died practically bereft of all his worldly goods.

Edwin Markham, Famous Poet, Dead; ‘Man with the Hoe’ Brought Him Fame

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New York (AP)—Edwin Markham has entered upon "the greatest of all adventures."

The poet who rose to fame on "The Man With the Hoe," died last night of pneumonia at the age of 87.

The painting of the same name by Jean Francois Millet served as Markham's inspiration for "The Man With the Hoe." He wrote it, a stanza a day, in 1886; then set it aside for 13 years before casually sending it to the editor of a San Francisco newspaper.

It was an immediate success, was widely reprinted and translated into 40 languages.

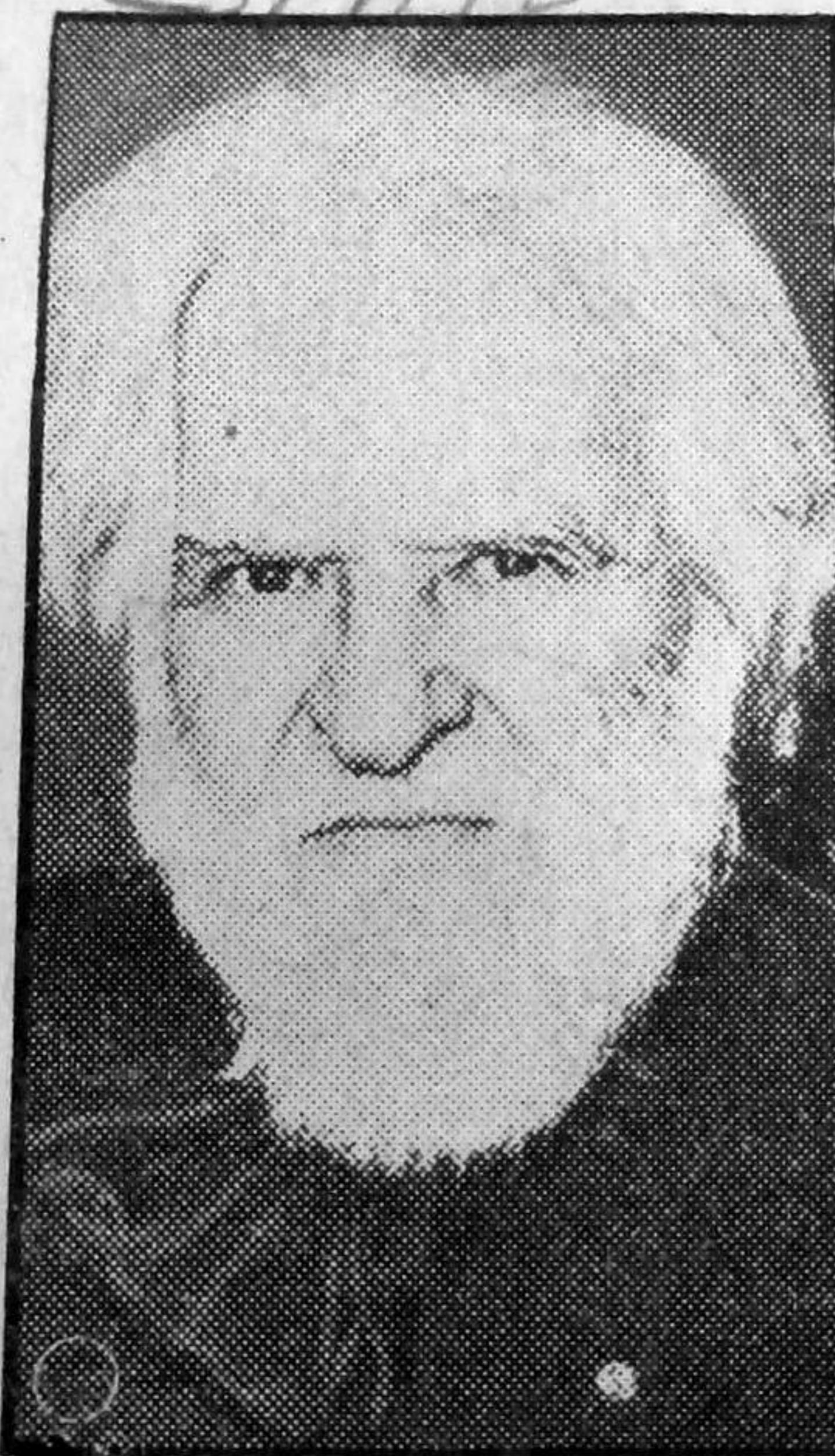
Old acquaintances said it brought him only \$40 when sold to the newspaper in 1899. The author estimated it had enriched him \$250,000 by 1932.

The poem has these familiar introductory lines:

*Bowed by the weight of centuries, he leans
Upon his hoe and gazes on the ground,*

*The emptiness of ages in his face,
And on his back the burden of the world.*

*Who made him dead to rapture and despair,
A thing that grieves not and that never hopes,*



EDWIN MARKHAM

Stolid, stunned, a brother of ox?
Who loosened and let down this brutal jaw?
Whose was the hand that slanted back this brow?

Whose breath blew out the light within this brain?

Markham always attributed his success to good fortune rather than to his genius. "A chance stroke; I caught the eye and ear of the world."

He spent ten years in selecting and editing "Remarkable Pages From Thomas Lake Harris." He also edited "Foundation Stones of Success," the fourth edition of which was produced in 1925. Two years later he completed editing "The Book of Poetry," ten volumes covering 600 years of American and European poetry.

Among his other writings were "Lincoln, the Man of the People," "Lincoln and Other Poems," "Virgilia," "The Crowning Hour" and "The Gallows Bird."

His last years were plagued with a failing memory, age and infirmities, but with all he was not alarmed by his approaching end. He looked forward to exploring "the mysteries of the dead."

His fondest hope was never realized—a five- or six-stanza poem "which would disperse the armies of the world."

Markham was born in Oregon City, Ore.

One son, Virgil Markham, New York City, survives.

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WARM SPRINGS, VA., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1931

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Army Planes And Citizens Taking Part In Vain Search

MISSING FOR FIVE DAYS

Adverse Elements Cause Apprehension To Welfare

The flier was traced to that vicinity.

Discovery of a wrecked airplane along Keyser's ridge, Maryland, by fliers from Bolling Field, led to the belief that a clue to Lieut. Bobbitt's fate had been found, but later it was learned that the wreckage was that of a civilian ship that fell two years ago.

A Marlinton youth said he saw an airplane fall in flames on Butler Mountain, six miles south, Friday night, but Captain E. C. Whitehead, in charge of the fliers said he had been unable to verify the statement.

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the peaceful quiet of the Warm Springs Valley has been shattered by the roaring of airplane motors, in and away from Ingalls Field searching in vain for Lieut. Bobbitt and his plane, missing since last Friday.

Six pursuit planes from Selfridge Field, Mich., comprising the squadron of which the lost pilot was a member arrived Sunday to conduct the search from the air.

On Tuesday six observation planes, holding a pilot and an observer arrived from Bolling Field, Washington, under the command of Capt. Ira Eaker. A cabin plane with Major Field from the Washington base of the army air corps accompanied the formation.

Several planes from West Virginia are also aiding in the hunt to locate the unfortunate aviator and his plane.

Nearly four hundred men were in the woods afoot, Monday morning engaged in the search in a twenty mile section near Marlinton where the plane was reported to have been sighted last.

All the army planes taking part in the hunt were ordered to report to Bolling Field Wednesday to be serviced and inspected. On their return more observation planes will be added to the flight which has been operating from the local airport. Changing the base of operation from Ingalls Field to Bolling Field is also contemplated, but not definite announcement has been made to that effect as yet.

WARM SPRINGS MASONIC LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS

Wednesday night, December 2nd, the Warm Springs Masonic Lodge Number 253 held their regular meeting and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Rev. J. T. McDowell, Worshipful Master; Col. J. L. McLaughlin, Senior Warden; William Foster, Junior Warden; George H. Venard, Treasurer; J. Robert Criner, Secretary; Davis R. Daubham, Senior Deacon; F. H. Clegg, Junior Deacon. The Worshipful Master appointed the following Deacons: Foster and W. J. pronounced to be Deacons and Masters and no Deacons and Masters and no Deacons who had been installed by the previous Master who had

Friends Grieve Disappearance Of Lieut. Bobbitt

Disappearance Of Young Bobbitt Regretted By Many Friends

WAS VERY POPULAR HERE

Father Offers Reward For Information Leading His Discovery

Lieutenant E. H. Bobbitt, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bobbitt, prominent citizens of Hot Springs, was known as one of the most popular young men of this section of the state, where he grew to manhood, and his disappearance has caused widespread anxiety among the great host of friends of the family. The deepest sympathy is felt for them in this time of distress.

Lieutenant Bobbitt attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg, and has been in the air service for about two years.

It will be recalled that he and Lieutenant Mustoe, also a product of Bath county, took part in the air maneuvers that were featured over the middle west and east by the army last year.

Lieutenant Bobbitt was graduated from Kelly Field last spring. Since that time he has been with the Selfridge field group. His last trip to Hot Springs was at Thanksgiving, when he flew here from Detroit.

The Bobbitt family resided at Covington before moving to Hot Springs about ten years ago.

Young Bobbitt also attended Greenbrier Military school before entering V. P. I., where he was graduated. He also graduated with high honors at Langley field. He was regarded by his friends as an admirable young man and a gloom is cast over the entire community at his disappearance.

E. H. Bobbitt, Sr., is one of the most popular agents on the C. & O.

The father of the young flier is reported to have offered a reward of \$500 for information leading to the discovery of the missing plane.

Hot Springs Store Burglarized Night Before Christmas

Entrance Made By Picking Lock On The Front Door

ONLY CHANGE IS MISSING

Merchandise Apparently Not Object Of Burglar Act

Sometime after one o'clock, the night of Christmas eve, Burglars entered Watson's Department Store at Hot Springs. Entrance was made by picking the lock on the front door.

Early the next morning a passerby noticed the open door and thinking the store to be opened for the day, went inside. However, after waiting several minutes and no one connected with the store made their appearance—suspicion that all was not right was aroused.

An officer was notified, and he promptly got in touch with Mr. J. W. Reamer, manager of the firm. Upon Mr. Reamer's arrival a checkup was made, and outside a small amount of change taken from the cash register nothing has been missed to date.

However, due to the rush of Christmas shopping during the day an inventory will be necessary before a check can be made on the merchandise.

No clew as to the identity of the robbers has been discovered.

REV. O. V. ARMSTRONG MARRIES IN CHINA

An announcement of much interest to our people has been received from China. Rev. O. V. Armstrong and Miss Helen Skilling were married in Shanghai on Nov. 25th. Mr. Armstrong is well known in Bath county, having been located in the Windy Cove congregation for a time before going to China, and having visited there and at Warm Spgs. a number of times while at home on furlough.

He is partially supported in his mission work in China by the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church. Miss Skilling has been a missionary to China for several years, under the Board of the Northern Pres-

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has seen fit in His Supreme Wisdom to remove from our midst on December 19th, 1931, our valued and esteemed Director and associate, Mr. C. S. Andersen, who for some years has been a faithful, diligent and efficient Director of the Bath County National Bank of Hot Springs, Va.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the surviving officers and Board of Directors of said bank:

First: that in the untimely death of our co-laborer, we have lost a valued asset of our institution, a faithful, energetic and useful Director and the Community a most generous friend and benefactor.

Second: That we deeply sympathize with his bereaved family and relatives and share with them in their great loss and sorrow.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and that the same be spread upon the permanent records of the Bank and that a copy be furnished the Bath County Enterprise for publication.

Board of Directors,
The Bath County National Bank.

Hierarchy of the Marrying Roosevelts

FRANKLIN, JR.
MARRIED Anna Roosevelt June 28, 1937



JOHN
MARRIED Anne Clark June 18, 1938



THE ROOSEVELTS
MARRIED March 29, 1938

ELLIOTT
MARRIED Ethelreda Winsor Jan 16, 1939



ANNA ELEANOR
MARRIED Curtis H. Dall June 5, 1939



JAMES
MARRIED Muriel Crook June 6, 1939



DIVORCED
July 17, 1939

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July 26, 1939

DIVORCE AND END
Feb. 15, 1950



MARRIED
Curtin Winsor Oct. 23, 1937



MARRIED
Ruth Geogins July 22, 1933



MARRIED
John Boettiger Jan. 18, 1935



MARRIED
Katherine Lee Dec. 15, 1938



Not romancing; Will he marry
to get children
by agreement Romelle
Schneider?



Wedding scenes are a familiar sight in the much marrying family of President Roosevelt. Father Franklin started the cycle with his St. Patrick's Day marriage to Eleanor in 1905. His five children now have seven weddings, four in June, and two divorces on their record, with one more break coming up.

Old 'Spanish Swindle' Revived, Postmaster-General Warns

Defrauders have taken from under wraps the old moss-covered "Spanish swindle" scheme and are actively employing it again to mulct unwary citizens of the United States.

Postmaster Fergus McRee of Richmond yesterday received word from Postmaster-General Frank C.

Walker to broadcast an alarm to Virginians to be on their guard lest they be victimized by the ancient ruse. This is how it works, he said:

A swindler in Mexico, South America or Spain writes to persons in the United States representing himself as being imprisoned for bankruptcy. He offers them a large reward to meet him with a sum of money when he enters this country to be used in obtaining the release of certain papers—usually said to be hidden in the false bottom of a trunk in the customs house—which he says are negotiable for a large fortune that is held in this country. Upon the swindler's arrival the victim is relieved of his funds by a trick or by force and the swindler disappears.

Those receiving such letters are asked by the Postmaster-General to get in touch with their postmaster and deliver the letters to him without delay so the swindler may be trapped.

Mather Falls with another student nurse to spend the holiday when the accident occurred.

She is survived by several sisters and numerous other relatives in this county.

MINOR BLAZE IN COLORED QUARTERS AT HOT SP'GS

~~AUG 29 1940~~

A minor blaze occurred in the colored quarters at Hot Springs last Friday afternoon. Damage was confined to a partly burned table and dresser and smoked walls. The small blaze is believed to have been caused by a lighted cigarette which was left on the table. The Hot Springs Volunteer Fire Dept. made short-shift of the blaze before it spread to any considerable proportions.

~~SEP - 5 1940~~

Mr. Frank L. Thompson has returned from the Veteran's Hospital, in Huntington, W.